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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF DAR ES SALAAM 4150

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1. AID/AFR/SA DIRECTOR QUIMBY, ACCOMPANIED BY USAID/DAR ES SALAAM DIRECTOR AND DCM, 15 OCTOBER CALLED ON MINFINANCE MTU AND AMBASSADOR NGAIZA, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AT STATE HOUSE. QUIMBY STATED USG INTERESTED IN LOOKING AHEAD TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN WAKE OF POLITICAL CHANGES OCCURRING THERE, INCLUDING OPPORTUNITIES
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FOR REGIONAL APPROACHES TO DEVELOPMENT. QUIMBY EXPLAINED CONGRESSIONAL WISH THAT AFRICANS BE CONSULTED AND HAVE INPUT INTO IDEAS FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

2. MINFINANCE BEGAN BY ASKING QUIMBY FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND. FOLLOWING QUIMBY'S EXPLANATION THAT FUND THOUGHT OF IN TERMS OF

MULTINATIONAL EFFORT AND THE US CONGRESS WANTS TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF FURTHER ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENTS, MTEI REMARKED THAT TANGOV'S ATTITUDE, TOO, IS TO HOLD OFF ON DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLANNING FOR ZIMBABWE UNTIL LEGITIMATE ZIMBABWE AUTHORITIES EXIST TO ADVISE DONORS ON DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. MTEI EMPHASIZED THAT TANGOV DOES NOT WANT ITSELF OR OTHERS TO BEGIN ECONOMIC PLANNING FOR ZIMBABWE BEFORE ZIMBABWEANS IN POSITION TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

3. TURNING TO US INTEREST IN EXPLORING REGIONAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA, MTEI STATED TANGOV IS FOCUSING ON POLITICAL PRIORITY OF GETTING RID OF MINORITY REGIMES FIRST, AND HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG AND OTHERS DO NOT DILUTE THEIR EFFORTS ON THOSE POLITICAL MATTERS IN TURNING TO OTHER THINGS LIKE REGIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING.

4. HAVING MADE THOSE GENERAL OBSERVATIONS, MTEI NOTED ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA AND MENTIONED THAT TANGOV ALREADY EXPLORING IMPROVED LINKS WITH

MOZAMBIQUE THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE-TANZANIA PERMANENT COMMISSION OF CO-OPERATION WHICH DUE TO MEET IN NOVEMBER. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT CERTAIN TANZANIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS HAD SPIN-OFF BENEFITS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION, SUCH AS DEEPENING DAR PORT. HE SHOWED SOME INTEREST AND TOOK NOTES WHEN QUIMBY MENTIONED IDEA THAT TANZANIA'S INSTITUTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT, WHICH VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE IN MORNING PRESS HAD LAMENTED WAS NOT FULLY ENROLLED, MIGHT BE PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAINING STUDENTS FROM SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

5. AMBASSADOR NGAIZA BEGAN DISCUSSIONS WITH SIMILAR OBSERVATION ABOUT TANGOV'S POLITICAL PRIORITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT HE WAS SOMEWHAT MORE APPRECIATIVE THAT SOMEONE WAS BEGINNING TO THINK AHEAD ABOUT BACKBURNER ISSUES OF ECONOMIC NEEDS OF REGION LATER ON. HE DESCRIBED HIS CURRENT EFFORTS AT IMPROVING TANZANIA'S ECONOMIC COOPERATION EFFORTS WITH RWANDA AND BURUNDI IN THE KAGERA VALLEY, AND HSSAID HE WOULD NEXT TURN TO PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES WITH ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA TO IMPROVE EXTERNAL TRANSPORT ROUTES FROM THE PORT OF KIGOMA TO THE PORT AT DAR ES SALAAM. HE ALSO THOUGHT THERE WAS SCOPE FOR MULTINATIONAL PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP THE FISHING INDUSTRY ON LAKE TANGANYIKA.

6. QUIMBY MENTIONED THAT HIS PRESENT SCHEDULE CALLS FOR HIM TO RETURN TO DAR FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER HIS DISCUSSIONS IN LUSAKA AND MAPUTO. BOTH MTEI AND NGAIZA SAID THEY

HOPED THEY WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO HEAR HIS FURTHER
IMPRESSIONS AT THAT TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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